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<p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <p>I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report</p> <p>II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority</p> <p>III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability</p> <p>IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention</p> <p>V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement</p> <p>VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited</p> <p>VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application</p> <p>VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application</p>		
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## I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application:\*

- ☐ the international application as originally filed.
- ☒ the description:  
 pages 1-10 \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed  
 pages NONE \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand  
 pages NONE \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ the claims:  
 pages 11-19 \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed  
 pages NONE \_\_\_\_\_, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19  
 pages NONE \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand  
 pages NONE \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ the drawings:  
 pages 1-6 \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed  
 pages NONE \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand  
 pages NONE \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:  
 pages NONE \_\_\_\_\_, as originally filed  
 pages NONE \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the demand  
 pages NONE \_\_\_\_\_, filed with the letter of \_\_\_\_\_.

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.  
 These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language \_\_\_\_\_ which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in printed form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages NONE
- ☐ the claims, Nos. NONE
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig NONE

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).\*\*

\* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

\*\* Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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## V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

### 1. STATEMENT

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-73</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>NONE</u>	YES
	Claims <u>1-73</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-73</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

### 2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

In response to the arguments that the drawings of Cole cannot be relied upon for the actual proportions, it is noted that Cole teaches exact dimensions of the tampon applicator (see columns 3 and 4), and therefore determining the taper ratio from these exact dimensions based on the teachings of the figures of Cole would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art.

Claims 1-73 lack an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3) as being obvious over Cole et al. (6,019,743).

Cole discloses a tampon applicator, as shown in figure 3, comprising a barrel 14 having a tapered insertion end 18 with a plurality of petals 24. The insertion end has a taper ratio, as shown in figure 3. The petals 24 have a substantially uniform thickness of between 0.004 inches and about 0.022 inches, as disclosed in column 4, line 32. The applicator has a barrel taper ratio, as shown in figure 3. The barrel 14 comprises a finger grip 26 disposed around the barrel in the form of a rectangular, depressed groove. The diameter of the barrel is between 0.215 and 0.63 inches, as disclosed in column 3, lines 31-32. The petals have a weakened base region, shown as non-numbered lines in figure 9. The barrel is formed from plastic or cardboard, as disclosed in column 3, lines 58-65, and may be coated by silicone, as disclosed in column 4, line 24. Based on the teaching of Cole of the exact dimensions of the applicator, and the showing the figures that the barrel and insertion end are tapered, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to make the insertion end have a taper ratio of about 1.5, and the barrel taper ratio about 1.6.

Claims 1-73 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), and thus have industrial applicability because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry.